

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventors: .....Wang, *et al.*  
Applicant: .....Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit: .....2157  
Examiner: .....Barot Bharat  
Confirmation No.: .....6337  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 12, 2005**  
**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.